

REMARKS

This Amendment responds to the Final Office Action mailed March 30, 2004 in the above-identified application. The foregoing amendments are made in order to place the application in condition for allowance and involve only cancellation of rejected claims. Accordingly, entry of the Amendment and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-43 were previously pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 10-12, 15, 16, 18, 19, 24-27, 29, 30, 32, 37-39 and 41 are cancelled. Accordingly, claims 3, 5, 6, 9, 13, 14, 17, 20-23, 28, 31, 33-36, 40, 42 and 43 are pending in the application. The remaining pending claims are indicated by the Examiner to be allowable. Accordingly, the application is in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,
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